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A meeting between Pres. Johnson and Kosygin to discuss strategic arms limitation was to have been announced ~~was~~ by the White House on Wed, 21 Aug. On the evening of 20 Aug, while Dobrynin was at the White House to inform Pres. Johnson of the invasion of Czechoslovakia, Sec. Rusk was telling the Democratic Platform Committee in Washington that "we anticipate early and important talks with the SU on the limitation and reduction ~~of~~ of offensive and defensive strategic missiles." ~~had~~ The article said that a meeting place, possibly Geneva, had been agreed on for a meeting, some time in the next month or two. White House Press Sec George Christian declined to comment on the reports.

Note: A question to be answered by top level officials in the Department of State is whether or not the USSR ~~was~~ ^{or days} taking any new steps in the few weeks before the invasion to ~~try~~ reach an agreement to ~~not~~ hold these talks, assuming foregoing is true. If so, it may be considered that there was an attempt at deception.